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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATIONCommissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of **Masato HORIE**
entitled "**HUMAN GENE**"
Assignee: **OTSUKA PHARMACEUTICAL**
CO., LTD.
Our Ref: **Q-76526**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. **10/342,276** (Conf. No. 9529) filed **January 15, 2003**, of **Tsutomu FUJIWARA, Takeshi WATANABE** and **Masato HORIE** entitled "**HUMAN SKELETAL MUSCLE-SPECIFIC UBIQUITIN-CONJUGATING ENZYME**"; which in turn is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/976,165, filed October 15, 2001 (now U.S. Patent 6,562,947); which in turn is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/565,538, filed May 5, 2000 (now U.S. Patent 6,333,404); which in turn is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/273,565, filed March 22, 1999 (now U.S. Patent 6,166,190); which in turn is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/055,699, filed April 7, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,005,088); which in turn is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/820,170, filed March 19, 1997 (now U.S. Patent 5,831,058).

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and Abstract, 2 sheets of drawings.

A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and will be submitted at a later date.

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement (along with Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) - listing references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application) and Statement in Support of Submission (accompanied by Sequence Listing).

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The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1635.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	63410/1996	March 19, 1996
JAPAN	69163/1997	March 5, 1997

The priority documents were filed in Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparent Application No. 08/820,170, on March 19, 1997, and June 6, 1997, respectively.

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A check for the statutory fee, in the amount of \$770.00, is attached.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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